



HEATH HOUSE,
ANDOVER,

October 10th, 1926.

**To the Chairman and Members of the
Andover Rural District Council.**

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to present my **ANNUAL REPORT** for the year 1925, copies of which have been forwarded to the Ministry of Health, the Home Office, and the Hants County Council.

This is a survey report which is made every five years.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area—65,558 Acres.

Population—Census 1921.

Estimated 1925 For death rate, 11.550.

For birth rate, 11.900.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA.—These vary considerably, being open downs in some places, hilly and wooded in others; in the valleys there are good sized villages, but the uplands are sparsely populated.

Number of Inhabited Houses—1921.

Number of Families or Separate Occupiers—1921.

Rateable Value—£73,787.

Sum represented by a penny rate—£307 8s. 11d.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.—There are two large Military Stations, one at Tidworth, and the other at the Aerodrome, in the Parishes of Abbots Ann and Penton. Also Engineering Works at Anna Valley, which employed a large

number of workmen prior to and during the War, but owing to varying circumstances the number employed has gradually diminished until at the present time the number able to obtain work are but few. Apart from these, occupations are mainly agricultural, and all are of healthy description.

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATE.

Legitimate (M. 131, F. 102)—233.

Illegitimate (M. 4, F. 6)—10.

Birth Rate—20.4 per 1000.

DEATHS AND DEATH RATE.

98 (M. 50, F. 48).

Death Rate—8.5 per 1000.

The amount of Outdoor Poor Relief in 1925 was :—
£1297.

No causes of sickness have been specially noteworthy in the District, and no occupation has had a prejudicial effect upon the health of the inhabitants.

HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDISED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OR BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(1) **TUBERCULOSIS.**—There are none in the District. The cases are sent by the County Council to their Hospital at Eastleigh or to various Sanatoria. Cases from this District have gone to Bournemouth, the Isle of Wight, and to Margate.

(2) **MATERNITY.**—Difficult cases have been admitted to the Poor Law Institution when their condition was such as to render it undesirable to risk the long journey to Winchester County Hospital, where treatment is given under arrangement with the Hants County Council. Similar arrangements have been made with Salisbury Infirmary. There is also a Maternity Home at Winchester which is provided by the Hants County Council.



All arrangements for admission are made by the County Medical Officer.

(2) It is hoped that a Maternity Ward will be built on to the New War Memorial Hospital in the near future. The Ministry of Health have agreed to contribute half of the cost, and the County Council will most likely give a fourth. This will not leave a large sum to be raised by voluntary contributions. This accommodation is much needed in the north-west portion of the county, of which Andover is the centre. It would obviate the long journeys by ambulance to Winchester or Salisbury.

(3) **CHILDREN.**—There is a Children's Ward at the New War Memorial Hospital.

(4) **FEVER.**—The Isolation Hospital at Weyhill provided by your Authority contains 14 Beds and two Observation Wards, to which Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, and Erysipelas are admitted. An arrangement with the Andover Urban District, by which similar cases are admitted and treated, on payment of an annual subsidy, in addition to a weekly charge for each patient. At present the accommodation has proved adequate.

(5) **SMALL-POX.**—Provision has been made by the County Council for isolation and treatment of this disease at Winchester and Basingstoke.

(6) **OTHER HOSPITALS.**—The New War Memorial Hospital, Andover, the Royal County Hospital, Winchester, and Salisbury Infirmary admit cases of ordinary illness for medical and surgical treatment.

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS, ILLEGITIMATE INFANTS AND HOMELESS CHILDREN.—The only provision available is the Andover Poor Law Institution, and this is taken advantage of to a very limited extent.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(a) **FOR INFECTIOUS CASES.**—A horse-drawn ambulance is kept at the Isolation Hospital, Weyhili, for the removal of cases in your district and the Andover Urban District. In such a wide area as this a Motor Ambulance is much needed, not only to avoid a long and tedious journey for the patients, but for the increased facility of rapid and early movement to the Hospital of the cases.

(b) **ACCIDENT CASES AND NON-INFECTIOUS CASES.**—A British Red Cross Ambulance is stationed at Andover, and is available night and day on receipt of a telephone message to the Police Station. It has been very much used, and has prevented a great deal of suffering, especially to those who have suffered from motor car accidents.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

	<i>New Cases.</i>			
	<i>Children.</i>	<i>Expectant Mothers.</i>	<i>Other Mothers.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Amport	28	1	22	51
Andover	75		48	123
Appleshaw	4		4	8
Chilbolton	11		9	20
Hatherden	19		10	29
Longparish	21	1	17	39
Weyhill	23	1	11	35
Upper Clatford	20	1	16	37
				340

These are under the County Council, and the above statistics are taken from the C.M.O. Annual Report.

Expectant mothers have yet to learn the advantage of attending these clinics.

SCHOOL CLINICS.—The County Medical Officer is responsible for these.

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.—The County Council maintain and staff one at Andover.

VENEREAL DISEASES.—Clinics are available at Basingstoke, Winchester and Salisbury.

LEGISLATION.—No Local Acts. No Adoptive Acts. Bye-laws deal with Buildings and Tent Dwellers.

There is a Special Order making Shipton Bellinger a sanitary area.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.—Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector (both part time officers), whose salaries are contributed to under the Public Health Acts. The Health Visitors are employed by and are under the direction of the County Council.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

(a) **GENERAL.** — There are Nurses fully trained who live in the District and take private cases. Nurses are also obtained from the Nursing Institution of the County and elsewhere.

(b) **FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.** — No special Nurses are provided by the District Council. Arrangements could be made for nursing Measles at the time of an epidemic if the necessity arose, and the expenses would be borne by the R.D.C.

District Nurses are available in all the Villages. These are also qualified as Midwives.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.—This is almost entirely obtained from wells, both shallow and deep. It is of excellent purity and sufficient for all requirements. There is a constant supply at Tidworth from the War Office Waterworks. to the houses of the civilian population in this area. Water is available from private estate mains at Shipton Bellinger and Enham

Village, a piped supply being carried into about 75 per cent. of the houses; at Faccombe Village, stand pipes are provided at central points for the use of the cottagers.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.—The Rivers Anton and Test with their tributaries join up at Fullerton. There is no pollution of these.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—The disposal of excrement in the agricultural portion of the district is mainly by the pail system, and in the larger houses into cemented vaults. These are regularly emptied and disposed of by the occupants on the garden or other ground attached to their residences. At Shipton Bellinger a systematic emptying of the pails and cesspools is undertaken by your Council.

SCAVENGING, HOUSE REFUSE AND RUBBISH.—This is disposed of mainly by the occupiers of houses, but in Shipton it is undertaken by your Council and at Tidworth an arrangement is made by the householders with the War Office.

HOUSING.

GENERAL HOUSING CONDITIONS IN THE AREA.

(1) **GENERAL HOUSING CONDITIONS.**—There are many old thatched cottages in the district, these are in fair condition, they are warm in winter and cool in summer; if fault could be found with them it would be with regard to window area; this is difficult to correct owing to the construction of the buildings.

(2) (a) **EXTENT OF SHORTAGE OR EXCESS OF HOUSES.**—In the purely agricultural villages practically none exists. It is only in the neighbourhood of the large camps that more cottages are required.

(b) Measures taken or contemplated to meet any shortage—No houses have been built by your authority, but a subsidy scheme was approved; there has been a number of applicants.

(3) Information as to important change in population during the period under review. The population has increased in the neighbourhood of the Aerodrome, but in the villages there is always a slight fluctuation due to increase or decrease of employment.

II.—OVERCROWDING.

No overcrowding to any extent has come under notice during the year.

(2) **CAUSES.**—Any that there may be is due to lack of houses in the district previously mentioned, and that soldiers and their families who are not on the married strength of the Army are not in a financial position to rent houses if they are available.

(3) Measures taken or contemplated for dealing with overcrowding. This cannot be dealt with until more houses are built, in which private enterprise seems likely to assist.

(4) Principal cases of overcrowding during the year 1925, and action taken. — No serious case came under the notice necessitating any special action.

III.—FITNESS OF HOUSES.

(1) (a) General standard of Housing in the area—Working class dwellings are both modern and ancient. The modern are good, but the older ones fair.

(b) General character of the defects found to exist in unfit houses—Age and decay.

(c) How far defects are due to the lack of proper management and supervision by owners, or acts of waste and neglect by tenants—About equal in each respect.

IV.—No complaint received as to unhealthy areas.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES GENERALLY.—The prevalence of notifiable infectious diseases during the period between 1920 and 1925 did not vary very much.

Scarlet Fever was most numerous in 1921. Diphtheria a small number of cases. Chicken Pox, which became notifiable in 1923, only 15 cases were notified that year and in 1924—5.

The following table shows the number of cases and the diseases :—

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Scarlet Fever	18	12	4	5	16
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1		1		1
Acute Polio Myelitis....	1			1	
Diphtheria	5	5	3	2	1
Erysipelas		4	1	2	2
Dysentery		2			
Pneumonia		5	5	10	7
Encephalitis Lethargica			1		
Enteric				2	3
Puerperal Fever				1	1
Chicken Pox			10	5	

TUBERCULOSIS.

Cases notified from 1920—1925.

	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1921	7	1
1922	9	1
1923	10	5
1924	6	2
1925	11	5

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1925.

Age Periods.	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary.		Deaths.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
5				2		1
10	1					
20	1					1
25	2	1				
35	1		1			
45	2	1	1	1		
65 and upwards		1				1

WHOOPIING COUGH.—The children of Hurstbourne Tarrant, Vernham Dean and Wherwell suffered from an extensive outbreak of this affection.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.—Enquiries in these cases have proved that the work of the Midwives has been carried out satisfactorily.

TUBERCULOSIS.—The notice of the admission and the discharge of patients who undergo Sanatorium treatment have been received from the County Medical Officer and the Medical Officers of the Sanatoria.

The Ministry of Health Regulation, which came into force on the 1st January, requiring the particulars of the number of cases to be forwarded quarterly to the County Medical Officer, has been complied with.

The following cases were notified by the Head Teachers of the Elementary Schools :—

AMPORT DISTRICT.

Amport—Scarlet Fever	....	....	1
Thruxton—Measles	....	....	2
Scarlet Fever	....	....	1
Grateley—Chicken Pox	....	....	3
Quarley—Mumps	....	....	2
South Tidworth—Scarlet Fever	....	....	3
Chicken Pox	....	....	3
Mumps	....	....	2
Whooping Cough	....	....	1
Influenza	....	....	26
Ringworm	....	....	1

ANDOVER RURAL DISTRICT.

Appleshaw—Chicken Pox	....	....	9
Scarlet Fever	....	....	7
Measles	....	....	1

HURSTBOURNE TARRANT DISTRICT.

Hurstbourne Tarrant—Measles	....	....	47
Chicken Pox	....	....	7
Whooping Cough	....	....	11
Linkenholt—Chicken Pox	....	....	1
Vernhams Dean—Whooping Cough	....	....	17
Chicken Pox	....	....	14
Ringworm	....	....	1
Mumps	....	....	1

ENTERIC FEVER.—Two cases occurred in one family living at a Dairy Farm. The first case contracted the illness when on a visit to Oxford. The second case occupied the same bedroom, and contracted the disease most probably from the water supply, which was found on analysis to be polluted. Both cases were nursed at home, and recovered. Stringent precautions were taken to safeguard the milk supply before leaving the premises.

An examination of the drainage system and water supply revealed a foul channel drain, and an adverse report was received of the sample of the well water submitted for analysis to the County Analyst. The drain was taken up and relaid. The use of the well was discontinued, and the owner constructed a new deep well, reservoir, &c., and installed a gravitation supply to the Dwelling-House and Farm.

SCARLET FEVER.—All the cases were of a very mild form. The cases at South Tidworth were traced to a child attending the Elementary School, who had been suffering from this disease, which had left a discharge from the ear.

MEASLES.—An extensive outbreak occurred amongst the children of Hurstbourne Tarrant, Chilbolton, Vernham and Appleshaw, but was fortunately not attended with any complications.

LONGPARISH DISTRICT.

Abbotts Ann—Ringworm	....	....	1
Scarlet Fever	....	....	1
Barton Stacey—Influenza	....	....	11
Whooping Cough	....	....	2
Chilbolton—Chicken Pox	....	....	12
Measles	....	....	23
Goodworth Clatford—Chicken Pox	....	....	4
Upper Clatford—Chicken Pox	....	....	19
Whooping Cough	....	....	1
Influenza	....	....	2
Wherwell—Whooping Cough	....	....	14

CHICKEN POX was prevalent at Hurstbourne Tarrant, Vernham Dean, and Upper Clatford.

SCHOOLS.—The sanitary condition and water supply of the Elementary Schools have been attended to. In the last five years there has been a great improvement with regard to these matters.

The general health of the children has, with the exception of four villages, been very good.

The following Schools were closed :—

Vernham—May 19 to June 11—Measles.

Appleshaw—June 1 to June 18—Measles and
Whooping Cough

Wherwell—July 23 to July 24—Whooping Cough.

South Tidworth—November 25 to December 7—
Scarlet Fever.

A Special Inspection was made of the scholars at Appleshaw, South Tidworth and Chilbolton.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.—The following cases were admitted during this year :—

ANDOVER BOROUGH.

Scarlet Fever				10
Diphtheria				2
Rubella				1
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Total				13
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ANDOVER RURAL DISTRICT.

Scarlet Fever				14
Erysipelas				2
Urticaria				1
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				17
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WHITCHURCH RURAL DISTRICT.

Diphtheria				1
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MIDWIVES ACT.—A complaint was received of a woman attending confinements without the previous engagement of a medical practitioner. This was forwarded to the County Medical Officer, who dealt with the matter. No midwife other than the District Nurses is practising in the district.

A Weekly Return of all Infectious Diseases occurring on Salisbury Plain has been received from the Sanitary Specialist.

OUTWORKERS.—Notitication of an outworker was received from the Medical Officer of Health for Marylebone.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.—Specimens sent to the County Laboratory :—

7 Diphtheria	
1 Dysentery	All negative.
1 Typhoid	
1 Tuberculosis	

Monthly Meetings of the Sanitary Committee have been held, at which your Inspector and myself were in attendance.

Name of Local Authority—Andover R.D.C.

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

Year ended 31st December, 1925.

Number of New Houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total	....	....	....	....	56
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts, 1919, 1923, or 1924	....	....	....	....	11
(i) By the Local Authority	....	....	....	....	<i>Nil</i>
(ii) By other bodies or persons	....	....	....	....	11

1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

INSPECTION—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts	....	....	....	16
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District Regulations, 1910)	....	....	....	16
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	....	....	....	10
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those re- ferred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	....	....	....	6

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers				15
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

(a) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 28 OF THE HOUSING TOWN PLANNING, ETC., ACT, 1919.

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| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | | | | | 1 |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Final | | | | | |
| | (a) By Owners. | | | | | |
| | (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners | .... | .... | .... | .... | Nil |
| (3) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which closing orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close | | | | | Nil |

(b) PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

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| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | | | | | Nil |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied on account of service of formal notices :— | | | | | |
| | (a) By Owners | .... | .... | .... | .... | Nil |
| | (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners | .... | .... | .... | .... | Nil |

(c) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 17 and 18 OF THE HOUSING, TOWN PLANNING ETC., ACT, 1909.

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| (1) | Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders | | | Nil |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made | | | |
| | Voluntarily closed by Owner | | | |

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| (3) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling houses having been made fit | | | Nil |
| (4) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made | .... | .... | Nil |
| (5) | Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders | .... | .... | Nil |

I have to acknowledge the ready help and assistance your Sanitary Inspector has given me at all times throughout the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ERNEST A. FARR.

THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ANDOVER.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR For the Year ending 31st December, 1925.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE ANDOVER
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to submit my **ANNUAL REPORT** for the year ending 31st December, 1925:—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.—There has been no serious outbreak of infectious disease during the year, only 16 cases having been removed to Hospital for treatment, namely:

Removed to hospital.

Scarlet Fever	....	....	....	14
Diphtheria	....	....	....	0
Enteric Fever	....	....	....	0
Erysipelas	...	....	....	2

DISINFECTION.—Following all notifications an inspection of the premises is made, and disinfection carried out after removal or on recovery of the patient.

Infected bedding is also removed for steam disinfection. Requests from the County Medical Officer for disinfection of Rooms vacated by Patients on removal to Sanatoria for treatment were also complied with.

Number of Houses or Rooms disinfected	27
Number of Schools Disinfected	 1
Number of Loads of Bedding Steam Disinfected	9

HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING.—Sixteen houses have been dealt with under the Housing Acts. One Statutory Notice was served in respect of a derelict Cottage at Shipton Bellinger, which was eventually voluntarily closed by the Owner on the Tenant vacating the dwelling.

In five other instances the Cottages were in a dilapidated condition and have been re-modelled by the Owners after formally directing their attention to the defects.

Further a block of old and insanitary buildings which had been partially destroyed by fire was pulled down to ground floor level and rebuilt in the form of modern flats.

Extensive repairs were carried out to six other buildings, the chief defects found being insufficient light and ventilation, foul privies, and absence of proper drainage, dampness of external walls, and defective roofs.

NEW BUILDINGS.—(a) HOUSING, ETC., ACT, 1923.—Eleven Cottages have been erected under the provisions of the Housing, Etc., Act, 1923, financial assistance being given in the form of a lump sum grant of £75 in respect of each dwelling. Seven other dwellings under this scheme are also in course of erection.

(b) PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.—In addition to the above 45 New Houses have been erected by private enterprise, and 11 others were in various stages of completion at the end of the year.

These figures give a total of 56 new houses erected during the period under review.

GENERAL INSPECTIONS.—487 Inspections have been made of other houses and premises and the following is a list of the various works carried out :—

Rooms cleaned and renovated ....	....	35
Roofs repaired ....	....	9
Number of Floors repaired ....	....	25
Additional light and ventilation provided to rooms ....	....	15
Eaves Gutters repaired ....	....	5
Overcrowding abated ....	....	1

DRAINS.

Number of Main and Branch Drains laid and relaid	....	....	....	....	121
Number of Insanitary Sinks abolished					2
Number of new Glazed Sinks provided					2

W.C.'S.

Number of W.C.'S provided					12
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E.C.'S.

Number of Privy Middens abolished					9
Number of Privy Middens converted to E.C.'S					1
Number of E.C.'S converted to W.C.'S	....				3
Number of Urinals repaired	....				1
Number of Cesspools cleansed	....				4
Number of Sewage Purification Plants pro- vided	....	....	....	....	1

WATER SUPPLY.

Number of Samples taken	....				7
Number of Samples condemned	....				1
Number of Wells closed	....				1
Number of Wells cleansed or repaired	....				5
Number of New Wells and Reservoirs provided	....	....	....	....	1
Number of Certificates granted for New Houses under the Public Health (Water) Act	....	....	....	....	44

WATER SUPPLY.—Advantage is taken of the County Council Laboratory and seven samples have been submitted for analysis.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AND BUTCHERS' SHOPS.—

There are three registered slaughter-houses and, under the Rural District Council's (Slaughter house) Order, 1924, one additional Licence has been issued in respect of a new slaughter-house.

Sixty-five visits have been made to these premises, and the five butchers' shops in the district; the shops are well kept and without exception are provided with glass windows or shutters. Safes and coverings are also available for use, and in no instance has meat or foodstuffs been found to be unduly exposed to possible contamination from dirt and flies.

It has not been necessary to issue any notices in respect of lime-washing the slaughter-houses.

60lbs. of diseased meat has been voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.—The number of Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk now on the Registers is 53,13 having been added during the year.

Five Cowsheds have been provided with additional light, ventilation, new standings and channels. The drainage system from three sheds has also been improved.

Among the large Cowkeepers in the District the standard of cleanliness in respect of the cows, premises, and milkers is commendable. The same standard, however, does not always apply to the smaller dairy premises.

The Competition arranged by the Farmers' Union for the best kept Dairy Premises, &c., has a good effect in creating keenness among both employers and employees.

Number of Inspections made	74
Number of Notices to register	3
Number of Notices to limewash....	5

WORKSHOPS AND BAKEHOUSES.—There are 29 Workshops and Bakehouses on the register. One new Bakehouse has been erected and fitted with modern hygienic ovens and mixing troughs.

Thirty-six Inspections were made, and two notices have been issued and complied with in respect of lime-washing and cleaning.

SCAVENGING.—The Council carry out by direct labour scavenging work in the parish of Shipton Bellinger only.

The contents of cesspools and pail closets are utilised for manurial purposes on agricultural lands on the outskirts of the parish. House refuse is deposited at a tip, and as much as possible burnt.

The War Office and Air Ministry collect house refuse from houses and properties occupied by military and civilian personnel in the Tidworth and Weyhill Areas.

In conclusion I beg to thank the Council, your Clerk, and Medical Officer of Health for their support during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHAS. E. MARCHANT,

Cert. R.S.I.,
Sanitary Inspector.

